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**STATUS REQUEST**

Dear Sir:

The present application, filed on July 24, 2003 has now been pending for approximately eighteen (18) months. Applicants have yet to receive a first Office Action on the merits. Applicants respectfully inquire as to the status of the present application and request an estimated date of a first action on the merits.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter and we await your response.

Respectfully submitted,

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